

POQUITO BAYOU TIMES

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings everyone. It's been a sweltering summer!!! I don't remember a summer that has been this hot!!! The first day of school at Longwood Elementary was Thursday, August 12th. Look out for kids walking along the streets and riding bikes. Please stop for the school bus while students are boarding. Please slow down. Occasionally I see postings in our

Poquito Community webpage about concerned neighbors complaining about a specific vehicle speeding.

Please slow down!!!

Poquito Boat Ramp Update. It has taken longer than expected, but Keith Myers advises me that the boat ramp is about 98% complete. If you notice the county has placed a rope from a post on shore out to one corner of the dock for a swimming area. Hoping at some point soon, the county will have a designated area to launch kayaks.

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Your PBCA's Latest Community Project

We on the PBCA front lines are constantly brainstorming for ideas to improve our Poquito Bayou Community. Recently we discovered that our neighborhood entry sign is deteriorating to the point where it needs to be replaced. Along those lines we have been thinking of making a significant investment in a more permanent and aesthetically appealing entry sign. Something more along the lines of what one sees in a gated community.



We're just in the concept phase and exploring design ideas and sources. Keep that in mind. The picture you see below is just a beginning idea for something that we might be able to afford. Which brings us to funding the project. We believe we have someone in house who can build the sign. Most of the costs will include the materials, equipment, and landscaping. We have a few \$ in our PBCA account but not enough to carry us through this project. We would like to know if there are others out there that share our desire for a new entry sign? To the extent you might be willing to donate, that is. We on the board believe it is a worthwhile investment that could add to property values and present our community as a place you would want to visit or live. **If you care to provide input or pledge some financial commitment (you pick the extent), contact Pam Martin at pcmartin1@outlook.com.**

POQUITO BAYOU BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Hi neighbors. Hope you have had a great summer so far this year!

Ocala County reports that the Poquito Bayou Boat Ramp improvement project is 99% complete. Just a couple of items left to finish. All are scheduled for completion within 30 days.

Our new low profile and aesthetically pleasing dock is 6 ft longer than the original structure. It now extends 120 ft to the westerly end of the park. ***Protecting the swim area is a buoyed swim rope extending from the end of the dock to the near shoreline.***

One of the critical components of the new dock is the wave and wake mitigation feature. This protective barrier can be seen at water level on the exterior of the dock facing Garnier's Bayou. We are hopeful this feature will help to reverse the continued erosion of the park shoreline.

Thanks to all for your patience during the long improvement process. If you haven't had a chance to check out the new dock, please make plans to do so.

I am sure you will be pleased with the results.
(Pictures of the project can be seen on the following page)

Keith Myers

President's corner cont'd

Flag case at the Veteran's Memorial Update. Ken Leone has taken on this important task of totally rebuilding our aging flag case. He got the acrylic printed backlit sign with cut out stars adhered onto white acrylic. Jane and I got a sneak preview and it look one thousand percent better than the old one!! Next Ken will build a new case. We're excited that we'll have a new flag case in time for our Veteran's ceremony in November!

Leo Norred Park Sign. We're still looking for some volunteers to freshen up the Leo Norred Park sign by the Veteran's memorial. If you're interested, please let me know. Thanks.

Benches at Leo Norred Park. I've been trying without any luck in contacting local Boy Scout Troops to help us build benches at Leo Norred Park. If you're interested in helping or know of a Boy Scout troop that's willing to help, please let me know.

Looking for a few good volunteers. We're still looking for a volunteer to fill our PBCA board Recording Secretary I've authored an article about this vacancy in this month's issue of the Poquito Times.

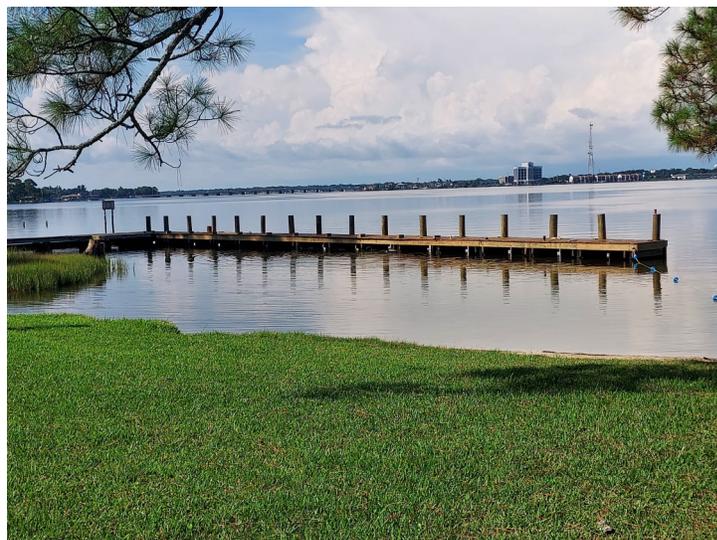
COVID Update. There's been a surge in the new COVID-19 Delta variant. We had our August PBCA Board meeting at the Leo Norred Park pavilion to be on the safe side. Please use common sense while out in public. Don't let your guard down. There's a plethora of useful information on the Okaloosa County Health website:

<http://myokaloosa.com/bcc/covid-19>. One was a list of COVID testing sites in Okaloosa County: http://okaloosa.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/infectious-disease-services/documents/COVID-19TestingLocations_0525.pdf.

2021 Hurricane Season. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season is well underway, and atmospheric and oceanic conditions remain conducive for an above-average hurricane season, according to the annual mid-season update issued by NOAA's Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service. The latest outlook reflects that the number of expected named storms (winds of 39 mph or greater) is 15-21, including 7-10 hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or greater), of which 3-5 could become major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5 with winds 111 mph or greater). We have the possibility of Tropical Storm Fred come pay us a visit when the Poquito Times is being disseminated. Now is the time to assess your supplies of food, water, batteries, and other emergency-related supplies. I recently filled up three five-gallon cans of gas in preparation. Please have extra supplies for your pets. If you want to support our CERT team, please contact Tracy Mankowich at tracymank@yahoo.com.

Tracy Mankowich has decided to fill the vacant Emergency Action Committee position. She feels that it complements the CERT team chief position. Thanks, Tracy for filling an important PBCA Activity position.

This month's issue has lots of good articles of interest for everyone. Enjoy.



Shalimar Library

Visit the library to view artist Ursel Behnken's paintings. Paintings are available for purchase for \$30 with all proceeds donated to the library. The Shalimar Library and Thrift Shop is located at : 115 Richbourg Avenue. Just across the street from the hotel off Meigs Drive.

Featured Artist

Ursel Behnken

CERT NEWS/EMERGENCY WATCH:

Calling All Carpenters. We need You!

We've had some concerns about safety around the Leo Norred Park children's playground. We decided to approach this incrementally. First, Bill Miller has added new fence rails close to the playground area to close off that exit to prevent kids from running out onto Poplar Ave. In our March PBCA Board meeting we discussed putting



homemade wood benches around the playground area giving parents additional seating between the playground and the fence along Poplar Ave. This is where we need some handy carpenters to help in building some home-made benches. They need to be easy to build with no back. These benches will be strategically positioned around the children's playground at Leo Norred Park. These benches will also benefit folks who come to the park to sit and watch planned activities. We do have some existing materials which include six to eight inch in diameter posts we used for the Veteran's Memorial. They're about 15 to 24 inches in length. If you're interested in joining us in an organized work day, please let contact me at pbcapresident@gmail.com or 850 582-3780. Thanks. Dave

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Halloween is coming so it is time to prep! If you are interested in participating in the Trunk or Treat, please email or text me to sign up. khiggg11@gmail.com 228-382-7295

I also need volunteers for the Fall Festival on Halloween Day preceding Trunk Or Treat. This year Halloween, October 31st, is on a Sunday so we will hold the events a bit earlier in the day.

Volunteers will begin meeting for the Fall Festival on Sunday, September 19th.

We have been lucky this summer so far, fingers crossed. Keep your safety plans handy and stock up on supplies to be ready if needed. I am still looking for CERT members. There will be some trainings coming up soon if anyone is interested. One thing I have investigated is the possibility for high school students to participate in CERT for community service hours. I was told that this has been done before, but it is offered through the school as a club activity. The downside is that you must find a teacher willing to sponsor the activity (HINT).

I met with Longwood Association president, Mike Weaver, and we discussed a joint CERT Team. We will be working on that as well. I would like to meet with the street captains this month at some point if possible. Email me when you would be available.

In other news, I picked up the Emergency Watch coordinator position and will be getting information from the Sheriff's Dept contact as to setting this up in the next few weeks. After I meet with them, I will put out information and a request for members.

Stay Tuned!



Tracy Mankowich

CERT Chief/Emergency Watch Coordinator
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Eglin Pet Welfare



My husband & I have lived in Poquito Bayou for 2 1/2 years and just recently found out that Eglin AFB has a place called "Pet Welfare". It's a no kill shelter where military members have surrendered their animals, for whatever reason. Some of the pets have been there for an extremely long time; some as long as 10 years. Anyway, I was thinking, since I am an animal lover, and didn't know about "Pet Welfare" until recently, maybe some of my neighbors don't know either. Perhaps some of you would be willing to adopt a pet, or other neighbors may be interested in volunteering a couple of hours a week to help at the shelter, like I am doing. Donations are always welcomed too. Any act of kindness for these animals would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your kind heart(s)

Your friend and neighbor,
Cindy Kuntz shine4jesus2@gmail.com

Contact Tristian Burkhardt Tristan.burkhardt@us.af.mil.. Phone 308 672-4844 Their website is <http://www.petwelfare.net/>

PBCA membership form is provided for your convenience. Please help us keep our association alive and well. Takes just a few minutes to fill out the form and attach check. Then drop in PBCA box at 17 Magnolia. Or you can join electronically by going to the PBCA website <https://www.poquitobayou.com/memberships> and clicking on the membership link. Then just follow the instructions. Your \$10 membership dues is less important to us than your actual interest and support.

PBCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

POQUITO BAYOU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION YEAR 2021

Please complete this form and submit along with your \$10 dues to your Street Director or drop it off at the PBCA mailbox located at 17 Magnolia Ave (Pam Martin's house). Checks will be accepted, made payable to PBCA. You may also mail to P.O. Box 1124, Shalimar, FL 32579

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Date Paid: _____ Dues: _____ Contribution (specify area): _____ Check #: _____ Cash \$ _____

Name: _____, _____ Spouse's Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____ Telephone No.: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Minor Children: Boys () Ages: _____ Girls () Ages: _____ **Please enter current E-Mail Address**
(If it changes, notify pcmartin1@outlook.com)

Concerns: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____

Would you be willing to help with: Events for Kids _____, Baking _____, Adult Social Events _____, Leo Norred Park & Clean-Up Days _____, Garage Sales Event _____,

Interest in Action Committees: Street Maintenance & Traffic Safety _____, Environmental Matters _____, Emergency Action & Neighborhood Watch _____, Eglin Interface _____. Are you interested in serving on PBCA Board of Directors? ____ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training ____.

Other interests, ideas; things you'd like addressed? What are they?

(USE BACK OF FORM IF NECESSARY)

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PBCA YARD OF THE MONTH

The August Yard of the Month winner is the Torres family at 124 Poquito. Runners up are 87, 95, 114 and 141. Next month we'll be judging Birch and Japonica. Hang in there yard workers! Fall, and cooler temperatures, are only a few weeks away.



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FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2021

Balance Forward from June 30, 2021

\$6,275.65

	July 2021	Year to Date 2021
Income		
Membership Dues	\$30.00	\$1,050.00
Contributions	\$20.00	\$1,115.00
Donations for Park Well/Pump	\$0.00	\$220.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$35.00
Easter Event Income	\$0.00	\$298.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$320.00
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$120.00
Total Income	\$50.00	\$3,158.00
Expenses		
Gulf Power	\$68.19	\$495.01
Postage/P.O. Box	\$146.00	\$205.00
Veteran's Memorial	\$0.00	\$76.96
Garage Sale	\$0.00	\$48.15
Candidates Night	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Children's Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual State Registration	\$0.00	\$61.25
Website Expense	\$0.00	\$168.00
Easter Event	\$0.00	\$358.22
Mardi Gras Event	\$0.00	\$110.03
Project/Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Leo Norred Mowing	\$260.00	\$780.00
Total Expenses	\$474.19	\$2,302.62

Reconciled Balance July 31, 2021

\$5,851.46

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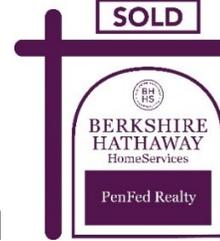
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